

Boldre Highways Group Report – February 2024

The winter weather continues to create new problems on the roads and paths around the BPC area.

Councillors are continuing to report highways issues – flooding, potholes, eroded road markings, hedge encroachment etc – to the Highways Authority and informing the Parish Clerk as reports are sent in. As requested, the Parish Clerk will log reports for a trial period, while we assess whether such a log is useful.

Although in recent weeks the weather has been less wet, flooding risk remains a major problem in some places around the BPC area including Portmore, Boldre Lane, Royden Lane and Pilley Street. Cllr Morton has been in correspondence with Hampshire Highways over flooding in Portmore. They have promised a Report on the issues, but their interim response has been less than helpful!

BPC Highways group has been advised of two car accidents at the Norleywood/Bull Hill crossroads during the month of January 2024. The first incident occurred on Sunday 11 January 2024; no injuries sustained by the two parties involved but there was substantial damage to the two cars. The second incident occurred on 30 January 2024 and was attended by the Police, fortunately there were no injuries sustained by either driver of the two vehicles or their passengers although again one of the cars was badly damaged. The weather was dry although overcast. This junction continues to be a high accident spot despite previous steps taken to ensure clear visibility from all directions. A third incident occurred on 2nd February.

Some Progress:

- Walhampton Hill and Undershore Road – resurfacing work has been completed, with the 'trench' in the middle of the road being filled. HCC have not done a particularly good job, but it will now be safer for cyclists!
- HCC sub-contractors have been active in the week ending 27/1 filling potholes on Pilley Hill. (Not the 'Dragon Patcher', so the repairs, unfortunately, do not look very permanent !)

Please continue to report Road issues to the Highways Authority – Hampshire County Council – search:

Hampshire County Council Report a Problem and select *Road Problem*

Hampshire also have an App for 'Phones – *OurHants* - that might be useful.

Highways Reporting – Monthly Log

Total Reports in the last month – 22

Potholes – 16

Hedge and tree encroachment - 2

Other highway defects – 4

Flooding - 0

Traffic Collisions – 3

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